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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### House Bill No. [5639](#)

**BY** Caldwell, McNamara, Potter, Knight, Ajello, Speakman, Kazarian, Donovan, Fogarty, Casimiro

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC1539/1}

(Establishes new programs for free breakfast and lunch meals in all public schools.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/22/2023 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [5792](#)

**BY** Cortvriend, Finkelman, McGaw, Abney, Tanzi, Fogarty, Caldwell, Boylan, Edwards, Carson

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL

SUPPORT {LC1813/1} (Amends the computation of school housing-aid for school housing projects and would provide that construction of certain projects commence in June, 2024, rather than December, 2023 in order to align such projects with the fiscal year.)

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Bill No. [5793](#)

**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Cruz, Potter

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL

SUPPORT {LC1999/1} (Requires that the school housing aid ratio shall be increased by five percent (5%) for projects that ensure Rhode Island based minority business enterprises reach a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the dollar value of the bid.)

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### House Resolution No. [5817](#)

**BY** Rea, Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Newberry, Roberts, Phillips, Noret, Finkelman, P. Morgan

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY

\$30,000,000 TO RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS {LC1703/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to each public school in Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements.)

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6008](#)**

**BY Handy, McNamara, Cortvriend, Boylan, Tanzi, Edwards, Hull, Speakman, Fogarty, Henries ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC1764/1} (Provides that no later than 6/30/24, the dept. of education and the office of energy resources develop regulations for school buildings to meet the latest Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools standards of net zero energy capable schools.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6111](#)**

**BY Cortvriend, McEntee, Finkelman, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC2300/1} (Requires that all projects seeking school housing aid shall complete an independent, objective, reasoned study on all projects over ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).)

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6126](#)**

**BY Giraldo**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTERS 106 AND 107 OF THE LOCAL ACTS OF 2021 BOTH ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING IN THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$5,760,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY" {LC2032/1} (Clarifies that premium received on the sale of bonds or notes shall be used for project costs.)

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [6211](#)**

**BY Messier, Alzate, Kazarian, Cruz, Henries, Stewart, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO ENTER INTO A FINANCING AGREEMENT RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET {LC2617/1} (Authorizes the state to finance the construction of a new high school and facilities and all expenses incident thereto.)

03/24/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6221](#)**

**BY Messier, Alzate, Kazarian, Cruz, Henries, Stewart, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC2616/1} (Authorizes the state to enter into certain financing agreements with the Rhode Island health and educational buildings corporation.)

03/29/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6222](#)**

**BY Cortvriend, McGaw**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC2615/1}

(Provides state aid to municipalities in the amount of thirty-nine million dollars (\$39,000,000) based on population and increased annually by the increase in the consumer price index (CPI).)

03/29/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/22/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/23/2023 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [6243](#)**

**BY Alzate, Potter, Felix, Hull, Diaz, Sanchez, Messier, Bennett, Biah, Handy**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$738,088 TO RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE {LC2707/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$738,088 to Rhode Island College to fund Rhode Island College HSI status and student supports.)

03/30/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/14/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/17/2023 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6276](#)**

**BY McEntee, Spears, Tanzi, Fogarty**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE

NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO

FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION,

FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND

OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO,

INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC

FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES,

INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED

CONSULTING COSTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED

BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS,

FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE

ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY {LC2752/1} (Authorizes South Kingstown to issue

up to \$125,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement,

renovation, furnishing and equipping of a new high school, athletic facility, and other school

facilities in the town.)

04/07/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6296](#)**

**BY Serpa, Noret**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF COVENTRY TO ISSUE NOT MORE

THAN \$80,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION,

REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF

AND/OR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE

TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE SCHOOL HOUSING AID AT A

REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 49.2 % FOR

EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT {LC1175/1} (Authorizes Coventry to

vote to approve a bond referendum for up to \$80,000,000.)

**House Bill No. [6330](#)**

**BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Bennett, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC2860/1} (Extends the deadline dates for commencement and completion of certain school building projects by one year to December 30, 2024 and December 30, 2029, respectively, in order to receive increased housing aid.)

04/26/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6335](#)**

**BY Quattrocchi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF SCITUATE TO FINANCE A WATER PROJECT AT THE SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE BANK {LC2877/1} (In accordance with § 16-7-44 approving the issuance of \$1,000,000 bonds by the town of Scituate to finance a water project at the Scituate high school/middle school.)

04/26/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/28/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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